

STEM-Rich Afterschool Making: Materials List for Circuit Boards

This document outlines a starting place for gathering materials to make Circuit Boards, the second activity in the 6-week series. Circuit Boards is an open-ended activity that supports students' exploration and understanding of how to make an electrical circuit. This knowledge is foundational for the Maker activities in subsequent weeks.

The activity is designed to encourage young people to "complexify" their thinking over time. A variety of components and variables allows



students to begin where they are comfortable, getting a feel for what they know and don't know. As they master the basics, they can add switches, buzzers, lights, and explore parallel and series circuits as a means for getting their ideas to work.

20 Reusable Circuit Board	s		\$652	
3.0 V power source (AA)	\$0.65	20	\$13	Part # 216081 (2 AA) www.jameco.com
4.5 V power source (AA)	\$0.99	10	\$10	Part # 216136 (3 AA) www.jameco.com
6.0 V power source (AA)	\$0.99	10	\$10	Part # 216152 (4 AA) www.jameco.com
AA batteries	\$0.35	70	\$25	http://www.cheap- batteries.com/p/MN1500AA-PRC.html
Wire tester		1	\$0	9V battery and buzzer wired to 2 nails
9V battery holder	\$0.79	1	\$1	Part # 216427 www.jameco.com
Alligator clip leads	\$7.95	25	\$199	there are cheaper ones, but these are the best http://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_22102391
Hand crank generator	\$34.00	2	\$68	http://www.arborsci.com/deluxe-hand-crank-generator
Single bulb board	\$1.50	20	\$30	http://www.arborsci.com/miniature-bulb-base
Triple bulb board	\$4.50	8	\$36	http://www.arborsci.com/miniature-bulb-base
Spare bulbs	\$5.63	6	\$34	boxes of 10, Part #1505K355 www.mcmaster.com
Piezo buzzer	\$1.95	5	\$10	Part # 2173861 www.jameco.com
Doorbell	\$6.00	2	\$12	estimate, from hardware store
Motor	\$1.15	8	\$9	Item #851230 www.kelvin.com
Potentiometer w/ knob	\$5.20	4	\$21	Part #023-500 www.parts-express.com & Part # 6094K21 www.mcmaster.com
Knife switch - Single pole, single throw	\$1.79	10	\$18	Part #SB09736M www.enasco.com



Knife switch - Single pole, double throw	\$1.50	5	\$8	Part #SB09737M www.enasco.com
Knife switch - double pole, double throw	\$4.30	3	\$13	Part #SB24049M www.enasco.com
Light switch	\$1.50	2	\$3	estimate, from hardware store
Doorbell switch	\$3.00	1	\$3	estimate, from hardware store
Scavenged switches	\$2.00	5	\$10	estimate, from hardware store
Home made switches	\$4.00	2	\$8	tilt and slinky
Toy parts - arm	\$2.50	6	\$15	contact Lianna Ikali@exploratorium.edu
Toy parts - legs	\$2.50	6	\$15	contact Lianna Ikali@exploratorium.edu
Toy parts - tail	\$2.50	6	\$15	contact Lianna Ikali@exploratorium.edu
Toy parts - scavenged	\$2.50	2	\$5	optional
Pine boards 1x4"	\$8.00	3	\$24	estimate, from lumber yard
Nails	\$23.70	1	\$24	copper or stainless steel http://www.mcmaster.com/#97952a101/=yqk5xq
Screws (#2, pan head and flat head)	\$10.00	1	\$10	estimate, from hardware store or www.mcmaster.com
Clamp for motor mount	\$0.75	8	\$6	Part # 9439T43 www.mcmaster.com

Note: Materials sourced for 20 participants.